

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 7, and 9-17 are pending in this application after this amendment. Claims 6 and 8 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter included therein. New claims 14-17 have been added. No new matter has been added by the addition of these new claims. Based on the amendments and arguments included herein, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections.

Exemplary support for new claims 14 and 16 may be found on page 40, lines 8-20 of Applicants' specification. Exemplary support for new claims 15 and 17 may be found on page 41, lines 5-13 of Applicants' specification.

By this amendment, Applicants have amended the claims to more appropriately recite the present invention. It is respectfully submitted that these amendments have been made without conceding the propriety of the Examiner's rejections, but merely to timely advance prosecution of the present application.

In the outstanding Official Action, the Examiner objected to the disclosure; rejected claims 1, 4 and 6-7 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being unpatenable over *Dahlberg* (EP 1102159A2); rejected claims 2-3 and 8-11 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Dahlberg* in view of *Wright* (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0149677); rejected claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Dahlberg* in view of *Hensen et al.* (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0195802); rejected claim 12 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Dahlberg* in view of *Ho* (USP 6,970,265); and rejected claim 13 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Dahlberg* in view of *Wright* and further in view of *Ho*. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Objection to Disclosure

The Examiner objected to the disclosure based on minor informalities. By this amendment, Applicants have amended the disclosure as suggested by the Examiner to correct the minor informalities. Based on this amendment, it is respectfully requested that the outstanding objection be withdrawn.

Prior Art Rejections

By this amendment, Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the elements of claims 6 and 8. Claim 1, as amended, recites a browsing system comprising a digital camera and a printer, the printer providing to the digital camera an operation screen including an operation component for operating the printer as content to be browsed, and the digital camera comprising browsing means for browsing the content, a display screen for displaying the operation screen as the content to be browsed, and operation means for receiving an instruction used for operating the printer via the operation screen, wherein the printer provides to the digital camera the operation screen comprising only an image including the operation component as the content to be browsed, and wherein the operation component comprises at least one of: a button for selecting an operation command included in the operation screen, characters comprising the operation command, a logo displayed in the operation screen, and a mark indicating an active area used in the case of a touch panel.

In support of the Examiner's rejection of the claims, the Examiner asserts that *Dahlberg* discloses a browsing system wherein a printer provides to the digital camera an operation screen including an operation component for operating the printer as content to be browsed, citing to paragraph [0006], lines 20-23. Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's characterization of this reference.

The disclosure of *Dahlberg* is directed to a printer with web based input and control interface.

Dahlberg discloses in paragraph [0006] as follows:

In accordance with an aspect of the invention, the printer is provided with a network interface devised for communication with a data communications network and a network server devised for communication according to a packet switching data communications protocol. In one embodiment of the invention the printer is provided with hardware in the shape of a network circuit for communicating with a TCP/IP based network such as a LAN, a WAN or the INTERNET and a web server for communicating HTTP-packets and SNMP-packets. A user can with this embodiment through his web browser read a HTML-page that is generated by the printer and comprises an input interface devised for inputting printing information or control information. The inquiring client, i.e. the application program (e.g. Netscape or Explorer), expects a response to its query to the printer. In accordance with an advantageous embodiment the printer is adapted to generate an HTML-page to show status messages and possibly also to create a new instance of the input interface again in the shape of an HTML-page with one or more input fields for printing information or control information. The input interface may also comprise command buttons, for example being adapted to generate commands for transmitting information to the printer or for requesting a print out. Different types of information, e.g. text, images or control information, can thereby in a simple manner be transmitted to the printer.

In addition, in paragraph [0010], *Dahlberg* discloses that the computer 102 operating within the system may be a PC, a work station, or a network terminal running or presenting a user application program and being connected to a data communications network 101.

However, *Dahlberg* fails to teach or suggest the printer providing to the digital camera an operation screen including an operation component for operating the printer as content to be browsed, as required by claim 1. There is no teaching or suggestion in *Dahlberg* that is directed to the printer communicating with the digital camera in the manner recited in the claim.

Applicants further respectfully submit that none of the other cited references teach or suggest this element as claims. As such, Applicants respectfully submit that at least for this reason, claim 1, as amended, is patentable over the reference as cited.

Further, claim 1, as amended, requires “wherein the operation component comprises at least one of: a button for selecting an operation command included in the operation screen, characters comprising the operation command, a logo displayed in the operation screen, and a

mark indicating an active area used in the case of a touch panel.” In support of the Examiner’s rejection of this element, the Examiner, again, relies on paragraph [0006] of *Dahlberg* to teach these claim elements.

However, as can be seen from the above citation, *Dahlberg* fails to teach or suggest the operation component, provided to the digital camera by the printer, comprising at least one of a button for selecting an operation command included in the operation screen, characters comprising the operation command, a logo displayed in the operation screen, and a mark indicating an active area used in the case of a touch panel.

As *Dahlberg* fails to teach or suggest these claim elements, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1, as amended, is patentable over the references as cited. It is respectfully requested that the outstanding rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 2-5 and 7, 9-10, 14 and 16 are allowable for the reasons set forth above with regard to claim 1 at least based on their dependency on claim 1. Further, claim 11 includes elements similar to those discussed above with regard to claim 1 and thus claim 11, together with claims dependent thereon, are allowable for the reasons set forth above with regard to claim 1.

Conclusion

In view of the above remarks, it is believed that claims are allowable.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Catherine M. Voisinet, Reg. No. 52,327, at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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